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The Next Gen of Tech Leaders Are Here: NPower Technology Service Corps New Class 33 Graduates

New York, NY (December 15, 2014) – Seventy-six young adults graduated from NPower’s Technology Service Corps New York, an innovative technology job training program focused on helping underserved youth. For the second graduation in a row, Morgan Stanley graciously hosted the commencement. The audience was treated to moving speeches by recent a Technology Service alum, Class 33 students, and a commencement address given by Brian Vaske, President of Incandescent Technologies, Inc.

“Through NPower, we were given the opportunity to meet real world business leaders who have exposed us to information technology from all different angles. They provided useful advice as to how to advance in the field and opened doors for us with opportunities extending beyond the program,” stated Lisette DeJesus, Class 33 Brooklyn graduate commencement speaker.

Technology Service Corps program graduates participated in fifteen weeks of intensive class-based training, learning skills such as installing, configuring and troubleshooting computer hardware and software and providing web design and maintenance. Based on the Cisco Networking Academy, this rigorous curriculum prepares program graduates for employment in a range of technology positions, including technical, business and project analysis. Students also participated in guest lectures by leading technology executives and attended site visits at companies that ranged from TD Ameritrade to Sesame Street Workshop.

Key Stats

- 88% graduation rate for Class 33
- 76 students graduated the program
- 37 different internship partners
- 29% female enrollment for all of 2014 (6%+ increase from 2013)

“We are so proud of our 33rd graduating class. They represent a true range of neighborhoods across New York City. With their newly acquired tech skills from our 22 week program, these young adults are positioned to become the next generation of leaders in the Industry” said NPower’s Patrick Cohen, Director of Technology Service Corps.

Several awards for excellence during the program were given out to Class 33 by corporate partners including Bank of America, Citi, Morgan Stanley, and Symantec.

Awards Presented to Graduates

- *Bank of America Trust the Team Award:* Jonathan Sinclair & Tatiana Simmons
- *Citi Principle of Ingenuity Award:* Deshawn Nelson & Lynn-Marie Rodriguez
- *Morgan Stanley Leadership Award:* Tommy Flinch & Rafael Torres
- *Symantec Connecting to the World Award:* Jennifer Menjivar & Sean Haythe

Students spent the last seven weeks of the program at paid internships with tech-leading companies and organizations, including: Accenture, Bank of America, Citi, DOITT, Deloitte, Morgan Stanley, Nuvoysys Solutions, Synergos, TD Ameritrade and United Way New York City. Support of the Technology Service Corps program was generously provided by Accenture, Bank of America, CA Technologies, Cisco, Citi, Cognizant, HCL, JPMorgan Chase, Morgan Stanley, Pepsico, Symantec, Tata Consultancy Services, Worldwide Technologies, Inc., SAP, TD Ameritrade, HP, Incandescent, Korn Ferry International, ServiceNow, Altman Foundation, The Achelis and Bodman Foundations, The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Hearst Foundation, The Heckscher Foundation for Children, Markle, The Pinkerton Foundation, The Robin Hood Foundation, William T. Grant Foundation.

Founded in New York City in 2002, Technology Service Corps has since graduated nearly 1,000 young adults and veterans. The nonprofit's first-ever class in the San Francisco Bay area will begin in January 2015 to serve veterans and in Toronto, NPower will graduate its first class of underserved young adults in Spring 2015.

Also announced during the graduation commencement was the launch of The Community Corps Advisory Council by Council Chair, Balaji Ganapathy, Head - Workforce Effectiveness, North America Tata Consultancy Services. This Council will bring together executives from leading corporations, nonprofits and schools to help broaden the reach and impact of NPower's skills-based volunteering program that connects technology professionals with high impact nonprofits and innovative education partners.

To view photos and more from the graduation commencement, visit npower.org or search [#TechnologyServiceCorps](https://www.facebook.com/TechnologyServiceCorps) across social media.

About NPower

NPower mobilizes the tech community and provides individuals, nonprofits, and schools opportunities to build tech skills and achieve their potential. We pursue this mission via our two signature programs:

Technology Service Corps builds brighter futures for underserved young adults and veterans through free technology and professional skills training. The program includes technical classes, mentoring from business leaders, internships and career development workshops at leading corporations and nonprofits, industry-recognized certifications as well as employment and alumni services. More than 80% of our alumni are employed or pursuing higher education within one year of graduation.

The Community Corps is a skills-based volunteering program connecting technology professionals with high impact nonprofits and innovative education partners. Our tech volunteers enable schools and nonprofits across the country to use technology more effectively and inspire the next generation to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

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